

— RESOURCES —

CHILD WITNESSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The effects on children living in homes where domestic violence/partner abuse is occurring may be harmful and long lasting. We know there is a higher likelihood that these children will become involved in delinquency. If the violence is unchecked, they will come to view violence as a normal part of a relationship and they will continue this vicious cycle into their adult years. They may also:

- feel confused, frightened and unhappy
- feel responsible
- have insomnia, nightmares or bedwetting difficulties
- become depressed or suicidal
- develop physical illnesses
- behave aggressively or withdraw to avoid attention

WHERE CHILDREN CALL FOR HELP

Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
Facts of Life Line.....	947-9222
Teen Touch	783-1116
Klinic - 24 Hour Crisis Lines:	
Suicide	786-8686
Sexual Assault	786-8631
Child Find Manitoba Inc.....	488-4607
Child & Family After Hours	
Emergency Services:	
Central/Northwest.....	944-4050
East.....	944-4288
Southwest.....	944-4475
Jewish Child & Family Services	477-7430
Children's Advocate Office.....	945-5735
Toll Free Province Wide	1-800-263-7146

WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (24 hours)	
(but may require car to attend).....	986-6222
Victim Service Unit	
(Support and Information).....	986-6350

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid.....	985-8500
Legal Services Information and	
Lawyer Referral Program.....	1-800-262-8800
Family Conciliation Separation,	
Custody, Access.....	945-7236
Court Victim/Witness	
Assistance Program	945-3594
Child Witness Support	945-0662

COUNSELLING

Women's Advocacy Program (WAP).....	945-6851
Toll Free Province-wide	
Crisis Line (24 hours).....	1-877-977-0007
.....	1-800-362-3344
Local Winnipeg Crisis Line (24 hours).....	942-3052
Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, Inc.	
9:00 am - 5:00 pm.....	925-0300
Immigrant Women's Counselling	
Service Inc.....	953-4100
Elder Abuse Resource Centre	956-6449

COUNSELLING (CONTINUED)

Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre	477-1123
North End Women's Centre	589-7347
Pluri-Elles Centre de Femmes	233-1735
Women in Second Stage	
Housing (W.I.S.H.).....	275-2600
Alpha House	982-2011
Suicide - 24 Hour Crisis Line.....	786-8686
Nor'West Co-Op Comm. Health Centre.....	633-5955

SHELTERS

YM/YWCA Osborne House.....	942-3052
IKWE-WIDDJITWIN Inc.....	987-2780
Salvation Army Booth Centre.....	946-9400

ECONOMIC SECURITY

City/Provincial Emergency Social Allowance	
(After Business Hours).....	945-0183
Employment Income Assistance.....	948-4000

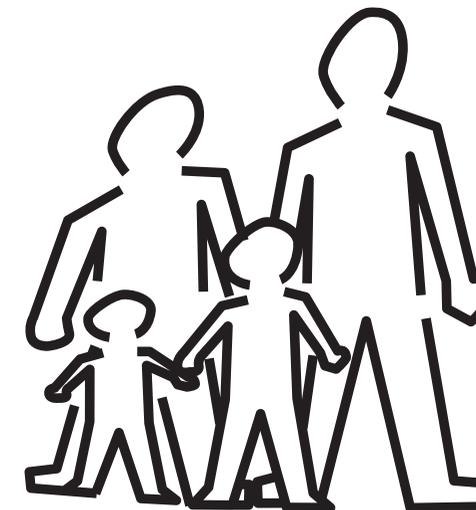
MEN'S SERVICES

Evolve	784-4070
Elizabeth Hill Counselling	956-6560
Salvation Army	946-9402
Native Addictions Counselling of Manitoba	986-8395



WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE

Domestic Violence Partner Abuse



**Emergency
911**

**Non-Emergency
986-6222**

The Winnipeg Police Service is committed to the prevention of Domestic Violence/Partner Abuse through intervention

Domestic Violence/Partner Abuse is a crime. It is not a private family matter. It occurs in all socio-economic, ethnic and cultural groups.

Domestic Violence/Partner Abuse is defined as violence, threats of violence, or other acts of a criminal nature which may include elements of emotional and psychological abuse committed against a person by that person's spouse, common-law spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or other intimate partner, past or present.

It is the duty and responsibility of the police to lay a charge when there are reasonable grounds to believe an assault or some other criminal offence has occurred in a domestic situation. Reasonable grounds may exist even in circumstances where there are no visible injuries or independent witnesses. It is the police duty to lay a charge whether or not the victim wishes to proceed with the matter.

Charges may include Criminal Harassment or various crimes against property if they relate to the domestic situation. They also may include:

- **Physical Assault**
includes shoving, punching, choking, pushing, kicking, confinement. All physical assaults are criminal offences.
- **Sexual Assault**
includes any forced sexual activity. Sexual Assault is a crime.
- **Verbal Assault**
may include uttering threats to kill or injure and is a criminal offence.

The victim is not responsible for the actions of the abuser!!

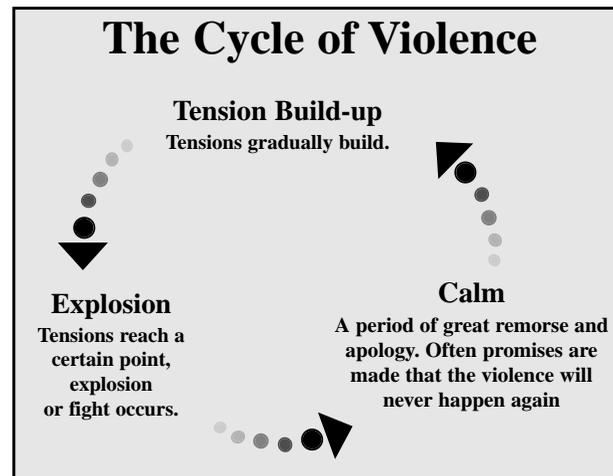
Violence within relationships has distinctive dynamics not found in other violent crimes. It is rarely an isolated incident and frequently the violence increases over time. Individuals living in these relationships may feel isolated, fearful, guilty, helpless, ashamed and/or responsible.

The Cycle of Violence

The calm is a period of great remorse and apology. Often promises are made that the violence will never happen again. The calm period becomes shorter and may disappear over time. Tensions will build.

The explosion occurs when tensions reach a certain point and the violence erupts. The explosion intensifies in frequency and duration and there is a shorter calm and period of tension build up.

The cycle of violence cannot be broken without help. Arrest intervenes in the "Cycle of Violence" and offers the greatest and safest potential for ending it.



The Winnipeg Police Service will:

- provide for the immediate safety of the victim and children
- actively pursue the apprehension of the offender and the subsequent notification to the victim
- ensure the enforcement of all court orders
- ensure the victim is referred to the appropriate support agencies, including the Women's Advocacy Program

The Women's Advocacy Program will:

- contact the victim and provide court based information and assistance as well as referrals to counseling agencies
- advocate on behalf of the victim to the Crown Attorney and assist the victim in court matters

Non Communication Court Orders

Recognizance Orders or Undertakings are issued by a police supervisor, hearing officer, magistrate or justice after the accused has been arrested and when released prior to the court appearance. These remain in effect during the period the charge is before the court.

Probation Orders are issued by the court at the time of sentencing and are in effect for a specified period.

Peace Bonds are applied for in a civil court process by the victim based on fear and are signed by the respondent. They remain in effect for one year. There is no criminal court involvement unless the respondent breaches the conditions of the order.

Protection Orders can be granted on an emergency basis by applying to a Justice of the Peace without notice to the respondent. A criminal investigation need not have occurred for the application to be granted. Once granted by a Justice of the Peace, the order is in effect and can be enforced. The respondent must then be notified.

Prevention Orders are granted by the Court of Queen's Bench Judges. Applications to obtain these orders must be made in front of a Judge and so may not be as easy to obtain quickly in emergency situations. Prevention Orders can, however, contain a greater number of prohibitive conditions.

Family Law Restraining Orders and Non-Molestation Orders are no longer granted. However, existing orders will continue to be valid and will be enforced.

Remember, if you are a victim of Domestic Violence/Partner Abuse or you know someone who is, please talk to someone about the situation. It is only with help that victims can begin to break the Cycle of Violence. For more information, please refer to some of the agencies listed on this pamphlet and talk to those who are ready, willing and able to assist.